

Postal Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on October 28, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Andover post office located in Andover, Illinois. The petition for review was filed by Ron Peterson (Petitioner) and is postmarked October 20, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than November 14, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: November 8, 2011

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter serves as my appeal about closing the Andover, IL post office. Andover is centrally located for Andover, Osco (which is also scheduled to be closed) and Lynn townships. It appears that the Postal Department has not considered closing the Lynn Center post office instead of Andover.

Besides being centrally located in the three townships, Andover has 242 PO boxes issued, compared to 38 for Lynn Center; it is the largest of the three towns, with a significant number of businesses that use the post office; it is the largest square foot facility of the three; it has the longest remaining lease of the three (thru October of 2014); it has fire and police protection (fire station across the street); it has ample customer parking, whereas the Lynn Center post office has very limited parking; it is a tourist destination, with thousands of visitors coming every year to the many interesting sites (many listed on the National Register of Historic Places).

For the record, we were told by Wendy Berg, Manager, Post Office Operations in Cedar Rapids, IA, that one of the reasons the Andover post office could be closed was because it has no dedicated postmaster. She said when the last one retired September 30, 2009, a hiring freeze prevented the USPS from naming a replacement. This is not true, since the hiring freeze did not take effect until July 28, 2010 – almost ten months later. She also told us in her May 5, 2011, letter that the USPS would provide pickup and delivery of mail by rural route service if the Andover post office was closed. The next month, she informed us at an informational meeting that mail for Andover customers would be placed in "cluster boxes."

Please give this matter your urgent consideration. I am enclosing an Andover brochure.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Ron Peterson

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